



**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

**CARLO TRESCA**

**PART 7 OF 10  
(SECTIONS 7 & 8)**

**BUFILE: 61-1335**

Carlo Tresca

Section 7



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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

April 2, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. D. M. LADD

Re: CARLO TRESCA, Victim;  
Murder

Pursuant to Mr. Tamm's instructions, I proceeded to the office of Mr. William Stanley of the law firm of Cummings and Stanley, 1616 K Street, Northwest, at 11:30 A.M. today. In accordance with his telephonic advice to the Bureau just before, Mr. Stanley had in his office Mrs. Carlo Tresca, the widow of the ~~carried~~ <sup>murdered</sup> individual.

Mr. Stanley was very affable and friendly and expressed his gratitude for the Director's consideration in having me call at his office. As a matter of interest, Mrs. Tresca is apparently a native born American who is very intelligent, apparently well educated, well read, and has an excellent knowledge of at least leftist ideologies, their workings, and the people connected with them. She impressed me as a woman of good breeding and very much "a lady."

Mr. Stanley, after introductions, spent some time reviewing his past contacts with Mr. Tamm concerning this matter and generally elaborating apparently to convince Mrs. Tresca he had expended considerable effort and shown a real interest in her case. He explained that he was particularly interested in having her talk to one of the officials of the Bureau so that she would fully understand the Bureau's position. I reiterated Mr. Tamm's comments to Mr. Stanley that the FBI is without jurisdiction in a matter of this kind and is, in fact, precluded by the phraseology of Congressional enactments from entering into such a case even on a volunteer or cooperative basis. In answer to Mr. Stanley's inquiry, I assured that in so far as the Bureau is concerned, the homicide squad of the New York Police Department is very capable and honest and that reliance could be rested in it to expend every possible effort to solve this case.

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Mrs. Tresca expressed some doubt as to whether the investigation has been receiving sufficiently vigorous handling and felt that ~~that~~ <sup>APR 11 1943</sup> hood of this being a "political murder" should justify the entrance of the FBI into the investigation. She mentioned Miss Dolores Farnon, the Assistant U. S. Attorney in New York whose name has come into this case and inquired as to why the Bureau could not enter the investigation because of the involvement of a Federal employee. I explained to her the fact that employees of the Government are subject to state criminal laws.



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Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Carson  
Mr. Coffey  
Mr. Hendon  
Mr. Kramer  
Mr. McGuire  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Quinn Tamm  
Tele. Room  
Mr. Nease  
Miss Basham  
Miss Gandy

*I think we ought to get all we can on documents. Thank you all so advised.*

the same as anyone else. She then inquired as to whether the Bureau could enter the case if the Attorney General specifically requested it to do so because of the involvement of Miss Faconti. My reply to her was that any investigation the FBI was specifically instructed to make by the Attorney General would, of course, be made, but that the Attorney General would, of course, consider the Congressional restrictions on the Bureau in ordering an investigation. I further informed her that should he request an investigation of Miss Faconti, it would undoubtedly be for administrative purposes and would not be an investigation of the murder. (You will recall that the Bureau is conducting an investigation of Miss Faconti at the Attorney General's specific request.)

Mrs. Tresca then turned her inquiries to the subject of political murders and put forward several questions as to whether the FBI would not investigate if a murder were committed by an agent of and at the specific direction of a foreign government. I pointed out that to my best recollection there has never been such a set of facts encountered in this country, and that to my personal recollection the only Federal law applicable in such a situation would be the Foreign Agents Registration Act. Then, without specifically stating the basis for her inquiry, Mrs. Tresca inquired whether the Bureau could question one Sorrenti, an OGPU agent now in Mexico City. Since she mentioned no basis for her question, I answered her purely theoretically by advising her that any action undertaken by the Government outside the territorial limits of the United States was a matter for the State Department. Mrs. Tresca then explained that Sorrenti (Jesus Sorrenti Vidali, whose true name is Carlos Contreras) was an OGPU agent in Spain during the Civil War. His function was to assist in the liquidation of anarchists and other leftists who were not in accord with Russia. One individual liquidated by him was an Italian who was a protege of Tresca. Mrs. Tresca pointed out that her husband was an anarchist and accordingly extremely anti-Communist. As a result of Sorrenti's liquidation of his protege, Tresca made it a point in his paper to publicize and protest against Sorrenti's presence and activities in Mexico City where he now is. After this explanation, Mrs. Tresca again inquired whether it would not be possible to have Sorrenti questioned as to his knowledge relative to Tresca's death. I again told her that any such action would be a State Department matter, and inquired whether she had any information which could be used as a basis for such a questioning. She stated she had nothing definite, and when I asked her what, if any, admissions she thought could be expected from an OGPU agent during a voluntary interview, she conceded that there would be no purpose served in questioning Sorrenti. She did mention, however, that she has a picture of Sorrenti. Since the FBI is extremely interested in Sorrenti, I mentioned to Mrs. Tresca as I was leaving that since she had stated that Sorrenti is definitely known to her to be an OGPU agent who is now in Mexico, I would be interested in having a copy of his picture since

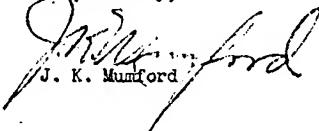
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under its general obligations in connection with the internal security of the country, the Bureau is interested in knowing of any agents of any foreign government who are suspected, as she had said, of entering this country unannounced and unregistered. She stated she would send me a copy of his picture immediately upon her return to New York.

Conclusion

After this discussion which lasted about forty-five minutes, Mr. Stanley and Mrs. Tresca expressed appreciation and stated that should they receive any information which might appear to be of interest to the Bureau, they would make it available. Mrs. Tresca mentioned that her husband had frequently been contacted by FBI Agents and had furnished information. She stated that she would continue to do so at any time she might be helpful. She mentioned incidentally that she is on the Board of Directors of the American Civil Liberties Union. Mr. Stanley stated that he would contact Mr. Tamm or me in this matter later, and Mrs. Tresca asked if she might call at the Bureau should she develop anything of interest. I suggested that she feel free to come to my office.

Respectfully,

  
J. K. Mumford

April 9, 19

ARMANDO BORGHI

MAX SARTIN

ALBERTO MANGIACAPRA

P.O. BOX 71, ROSEVILLE STA.  
NEWARK, N.J.

242 E. 14TH STREET

"(Quote transl) 'with bones broken because he .....fell...  
... in the elevator my work remains unfinished',  
DRAMIS 820 BROADWAY  
CARLO TRESCA dead.

"Writer states (quote lit. transl) 'To meet me on any street,  
on any night I should have told them that they are FASCIST spies,  
filthy and very poisonous snakes of the OVRA. They have never  
come because spies crawl about in the dark, like spiders under  
leaves and they bite.'

"Writer states that the Director of the F.B.I. now dead,  
had disregarded his (writer's) warnings, with the result that  
the work of the gang continues. Should anything happen to him,  
writer indicates that the probable source would be ALBERTO CUPPELLI,  
with a FASCIST background.

"Writer names the following as members of the FASCIST group.

BRUNO

MALATESTA

CAVALCA

TONY IL SIGLIANO

ANGELO CHIAVORELLA

MILANO

'IL ROMANO'

RATTIFAGLIA"

"EXAMINER'S NOTE - In a recent broadcast heard in WASHINGTON  
the name of CARLO TRESCA, mentioned above, was linked with  
the assassination of TROTZKY, in MEXICO."

For your information, the individuals mentioned in the first  
part of the intercepted communication are almost all Italian Socialists  
and former friends of the murdered Carlo Tresca. Some of the individuals  
mentioned by the writer of the intercepted letter as being members of the  
Fascist group have been identified as New York gangsters of Sicilian  
descent.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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April 9, 1943

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL  
VIA DIPLOMATIC AIR BAGUETTE

STG. #72  
Declassified by 6049  
PC 012777

RE: CARLO TRESCA  
Mexico Subversive Activities - S  
(61-1335)

Dear Sir:

Refer to Bureau cable of March 22 and Bureau letters of January 26, February 3, and March 17, 1943, in the captioned matter.

The Bureau is ~~extremely dissatisfied~~ with the extreme delinquency of this matter in your office. You are instructed to immediately treat this matter as a special case, and to assign at least two agents to the investigation in order to clear your delinquency.

Unless a reply is received from you in the immediate future, the Bureau may be compelled to take administrative action as a result of the laxity indicated by your failure to reply to previous communications in this matter.

Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. McGuire \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Simford \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Piper \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

For your information and assistance in conducting the requested inquiries, there follows an excerpt from an intercept submission in connection with a letter dated February 23, 1943, from one "O. R." in New York City to Vittorio Vidalí, alias Carlos J. Contreras, Calle Loteria Nacional 1-0 to 6, Mexico, D. F.

ANARCHIST ACTIVITIES IN MEXICO

"Writer states that for a year he has made known to (Ex. does not specify what)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

April 8, 1943

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to:

Mexico, D. F.

CABLE - SPECIAL CIPHER PAD

RE: CARLO TRESCA. REFERENCE BUREAU CABLE MARCH TWENTY-TWO LAST AND BUREAU LETTERS JANUARY TWENTY-SIX, FEBRUARY THREE, MARCH SEVENTEEN LAST. BUREAU AMAZED AT EXTREME DELINQUENCY THIS MATTER. BY CABLE IMMEDIATELY ADVISE STATUS THIS CASE YOUR OFFICE. COVER LEADS AND CABLE REPORT.

Serial # 88

Enclosed and sent. Attn: Dep't.

Date: 4-9-43

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. [unclear] after approval, please return to Mr. Parsons' Office for transmission to the  
Mr. Nichols' laboratory to be put into code.  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Borden \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. McGuire \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Stanford \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Miller \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. [unclear] Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. [unclear] \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss [unclear] \_\_\_\_\_

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Op. 10<sup>o</sup> Tresca

April 30th

FED. BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Migs. Jean Wingfield : 175-27 Wexford Terrace : Jamaica, N.Y.

~~Mr. Deacon, Biddle~~

The Carlo Tresca murder  
should be solved. Because  
of its international compli-  
cations, this case calls  
for Federal action.

I urge that you take  
this case up without  
further delay.

Sincerely yours, Underwood

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May 12, 1943

Miss Jean Wunderlich  
175-27 Wexford Terrace  
Jamaica, New York

Dear Miss Wunderlich:

This will acknowledge receipt of your card of recent date, by reference from the Attorney General.

With regard to the matter mentioned in your communication, the jurisdiction of this Bureau is limited to investigation of violations of certain Federal Statutes. Inasmuch as the matter which you referred to does not appear to constitute such a violation, I am sure you will understand that this Bureau cannot comply with your request.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin **COMMUNICATIONS SECTION**  
Mr. Ladd **MAILED 6**  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen **★ MAY 12 1943 P.M.**  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harbo **FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**  
Mr. Blaeden **U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**  
Mr. McGuire \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Thompson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Piper \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
New York, New York

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April 26, 1943

DIRECTOR, FBI

RE: CARLO TRESCA;  
INTERNAL SECURITY - I

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a booklet published by the Executive Committee of IL MARTELLO in commemoration of CARLO TRESCA by representatives of labor organizations and individuals prominent in labor circles.

Some of the articles are in the Italian language and if the Bureau has any of them translated and believes they may be of interest to the New York Field Division, it is requested that a copy of the translated article be forwarded to this office as information for our file on the subject.

Very truly yours,

E. G. Conroy  
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May 21, 1943

SAC, New York

CARLO TRESCA  
INTERNAL SECURITY - I.

Reference is made to your letter dated April 26, 1943, with which you enclosed a booklet published by the Executive Committee of "Il Martello" in commemoration of Carlo Tresca.

In pursuance of the request outlined in the last paragraph of the referenced communication, there are enclosed copies of a summary translation which has been made of the articles contained therein which are written in the Italian language.

Enclosure

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION  
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SUMMARY FROM THE ITALIAN

Booklet published by the Executive Committee of "IL MARTELLO", is a memorial to Carlo Tresca and what he stood for in labor circles. It gives detailed account of the major strikes which he led during the many years in this country. There appears to be nothing of interest to the Bureau to be gathered from the various articles except that he fought against fascism even before the American authorities recognized it as a potential enemy. In no article is there any mention of an individual or any organization which in any way may be responsible for his death. It is the general opinion or belief of the writers of these various tributes, however, that it was his fascist enemies which killed him to silence him in his untiring battle against fascism and its advocates in this country.

EXAMINED BY: Marie G. Macaluso  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

April 27, 1943

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: SIS #72

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RE CARLO TRESCA. ENDEAVOR OBTAIN AND FORWARD BUREAU PHOTOGRAPHS  
OF CARLOS CONTRERAS. GIVE PREFERRED EXPEDITIOUS ATTENTION.

Note: After approval, please return to Mr. Carson's office for transmittal to the Radio Communications Section.

Encoded and sent State Rep't.

Date: 4-25-43

By: Hinc (me)

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Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Coffey  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Carson  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Hondo  
Mr. McGuire  
Mr. Mumford  
Mr. Wiper  
Mr. Quinn-Tamm  
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31 MAY 1943  
SERIAL 14

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JAS:WED  
Broadcast: 9:00 P.M.  
Dictated: 11:00 P.M.

April 25, 1943

MR. LADD

Re: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST  
APRIL 25, 1943

The following comments which appear to be of interest to the Bureau were made by Mr. Winchell in his broadcast on the above date:

I. REGISTRATION ACT AND SEDITION MATTERS

A. George Sylvester Viereck and Sedition Conspiracy Case

Mr. Winchell stated: "Washington. The second trial for George Sylvester Viereck, the admitted Nazi agent, is scheduled some time in June. Prosecutor O. John Rogge will convene a special grand jury for the thirty-four Sedition cases some time next month."

The Bureau has been advised by the Department that the Viereck trial will be held in June and the Bureau is also in receipt of a request that a jury investigation be conducted of the jury panel.

You will recall that Mr. O. John Rogge has been designated as a special prosecutor to succeed Mr. William Power Maloney in the case involving thirty-four individuals previously indicted for conspiracy to Mr. E. A. Tammiglate one of the conspiracy statutes. Mr. Rogge is reviewing all the Mr. Clegg evidence which was presented to the previous grand jury under the direction Mr. Coffey of Mr. Maloney, who obtained two indictments against these individuals, and Mr. Glavin Mr. Rogge contemplates representing the entire case to a new grand jury Mr. Ladd for the purpose of obtaining a third indictment.

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B. Hamilton Fish Bill INDEXED

Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Carson  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Gordon  
Mr. McGuire  
Mr. Manford  
Mr. Piper  
Mr. Quinn-Tamm  
Mr. Nease  
Miss Gandy

Mr. Winchell stated: "Washington. The terrible and horrible nation news announced by the President this week that the Japs butchered American flyers after the Tokyo raid contained this grim irony: One of the Congressman who demanded vengeance and more bombing for Tokyo was the ardent Hamilton Fish of New York. Not very well known to the general public, however, is this, that Congressman Fish offered a new bill in the House affecting all persons

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accused of trying to undermine this Government before Pearl Harbor. This new Congressman Fish bill would handcuff the Department of Justice and the 'B' in prosecuting the thirty-four persons now charged with Sedition, one of whom, Ralph Townsend, was convicted for being a Japanese agent."

The bill to which Mr. Winchell referred is being followed by the Bureau, and the same was placed in the hopper on March 31, 1943 by Congressman Fish. This bill relates to Section 9, Title 18, United States Code, which is commonly referred to as the "peacetime Sedition statute".

The Hamilton Fish bill amends the present statute with reference to conspiracy prosecutions under that section and makes it obligatory that the prosecution show that each one of the engaged in an overt act in furtherance of the conspiracy. The bill further provides that venue for trial will lie only in the district where the particular defendant resides. It is retroactive to December 8, 1941, and if passed would make it necessary to prosecute each of the thirty-four persons now under indictment for conspiracy to violate this particular section in the district in which he resides. The consolidation of these cases in the District of Columbia, of course, would be impossible under the Fish amendment to this section. No action has been taken on this bill to date, and it is now understood to be in the House Judiciary Committee.

#### C. Joe McWilliams

Mr. Winchell stated: "Chicago. Joe McWilliams spotlighted by me over this network many times continues goosestepping in the swastika parade. His latest propaganda plan praises democracy which he once condemned on the street corners of New York. Joe McWilliams, in case you are among the gullibles, spoke from the same platform with German-American Bund leaders and praised Hitlerism. He now works out of Chicago where it is reported his propaganda booklets are published and supported by one Alice Rand - R A N D. This lady's name, however, is really Mrs. Alexis DeTarnowsky, wife of an officer in the Army of the United States. How do you like that?"

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_

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Mr. Piper \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_

Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

The present activities of McWilliams are being completely covered by the Chicago Office. The Attorney General has authorized a technical surveillance which is now in effect. The propaganda booklet to which Mr. Winchell referred is undoubtedly the recent publication of McWilliams called "Serviceman's Reconstruction Plan". Alice Rand, to whom Mr. Winchell referred, is now associated closely with McWilliams and runs the Barrington Rand Press, Barrington, Illinois. She and McWilliams are putting out a weekly booklet, the purpose of which is to publicize and encourage the purchase of McWilliams' Book "Serviceman's Reconstruction Plan". McWilliams' speaking in New York is, of course, well known to the Bureau inasmuch as his activities while there were completely covered.

II. ITALIAN ACTIVITIES

A. Carlos Tresca

Mr. Winchell stated: "A wild pamphlet now being distributed in the East and purporting to give clews of the mysterious murder of Carlos Tresca, an enemy of Mussolini and Fascism, has aroused the District Attorney of New York. The police are searching for the author. The case, which is the hottest since the murder of Arnold Rothstein, has international angles. Governor Dewey may step in to it in his old role of crime buster."

The pamphlet to which Mr. Winchell referred is undoubtedly a treatise prepared by a Mr. Essio Fadell and Mrs. Tresca, in which it is charged that Communists were responsible for Tresca's murder. They did not specifically name him, but by choice of language referred to Jesus Sorkin, Vidal, most commonly known as Carlos Contreras, reported to be a GPU agent and gunman for the Communist Party in Mexico. SIS information from Mexico indicates that Contreras was seen in Chihuahua, Mexico, about five days before the Tresca murder, and an unknown woman reported to a newspaper in New York that he was seen in New York immediately before the murder. Contreras is reported to have engaged in several killings on Communist Party instructions, and while in Chihuahua shortly before the Tresca murder is said to have killed a rabid anti-Communist. Since the Tresca murder, he is also reported to have killed another anti-Communist in Mexico.

While the Bureau is not actively investigating the Tresca murder, which is, in fact, being covered by the New York police, the Bureau is endeavoring to check and follow the activities of Contreras.

Mr. Tolson III. COMMUNIST ACTIVITY

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A. Relationship between the Communist Party and General Franco

Mr. Winchell stated: "Mexico City. The Communist Party of South America has been ordered to temper its attacks against Franco. Experts frankly state that Stalin is hoping for a better relationship with the Vatican and many highly informed diplomats believe that a public understanding pointing to Hitler as a common enemy will be reached by the Vatican and the Kremlin."

It might be noted that there is, in fact, no "Communist Party of South America", since the party is divided into units within the various countries of South America, and there is a Communist Party of Chile, Communist Party of Argentina, etc.

No information has been furnished to the Bureau indicating that any of the various Communist groups in South America has been instructed to discontinue attacks against Franco. The attitude of the Communist Party in the United States has been strongly against Franco and, in fact, has openly advocated the overthrow of his government by the use of guerrilla bands. The Communist Party in the United States has continually complained to the State Department because of the State Department's attitude toward Franco, complaining particularly against the shipping of oil to Spain and against the continued imprisonment of Loyalist soldiers in North Africa.

A memorandum was recently prepared on the Communist Party's attitude in this connection at the request of the Attorney General, who, in turn, had received a copy of a communication addressed by the State Department to the White House with reference to the current attitude which the Communist Party had taken toward the State Department.

#### IV. MATTERS OF GENERAL INTEREST TO THE BUREAU

##### A. Sweden

Mr. Winchell stated: "Stockholm. Sweden may be the next nation to join the allies."

The New York Office advised yesterday that a confidential informant indicated that Robert W., formerly a confidential informant of the Bureau, furnished information to Mr. Winchell concerning the Finnish-American relations advising him that all members of the United States Legation at Helsinki had been transferred by plane to Stockholm, Sweden, and stated further that Sweden might declare war on Germany if Germany goes into Finland. Robert W. requested that Mr. Winchell give this story prominent place. No information was available indicating Robert W.'s source of information.

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##### B. California Committee to Investigate Subversive Activities

Mr. Winchell stated: "Sacramento. The California State Committee probing un-American activities in California has issued its report which demands wider circulation, I think. This organization of alert Americans pointed out that the subversive groups among us are not dead, that they are again coming out of their holes and unless something is done to curb them, they will plague the nation after the war. The California investigators are among those who have also been attacked by certain peculiar representatives in Washington, D. C., whose red tape does all it can to bind them. This is to remind all of you ladies and gentlemen that the red tape which seals another man's lips may one day be used as a rope around your neck."

The committee referred to is frequently known as the Jack Tenney Committee and is a state committee for the investigation of subversive activities in California. The Los Angeles Office of the Bureau has been maintaining contact with a representative of this Committee, and has furnished to the Bureau whenever information was believed of interest to Bureau cases. The San Francisco Office has been requested to obtain a copy of the Committee's report referred to herein, and the same will be reviewed as soon as it is received, and any information of particular Bureau interest will be called to your attention.

C. Congressmen Gerhard, Lambertson and Senator Nye

Mr. Winchell stated: "Attention Mr. and Mrs. United States. Some of the Congressmen continue to fight our allies instead of the common enemy. What might be Sedition if spoken by an American soldier in Tunisia is not Sedition when it is spoken on the floor of the House of Representatives. I refer to the remarks by three of them who apparently do not realize that our country needs no allies to preserve the Constitution which gave these legislators immunity. The least they might do is remember that there is no immunity on a battlefield. Congressman Gerhard, for instance, with our own men crashing in planes on the Continent, and our flyers murdered in Japan, Mr. Gerhard publicly worries whether or not our trade treaties might have appeased Mr. Hitler instead of being concerned how the United Nations can exterminate them. Congressman Lambertson the other day criticized Dorothy Thompson, the noted commentator, by saying that she is non-American because she will soon be married to a gentleman from Czechoslovakia. Mr. Lambertson forgets that many Czechs have died and are still fighting on our side for the very principals which he, Lambertson, is able to hold. office, and with the dead of the glorious British Eighth Army lying all over the desert from Suez to Sfax, Senator Gerald P. Nye attacks the country for which they died. The British Eighth Army may not hold the right views perhaps for Senator Nye, but more important, the British Eighth Army tonight is holding the American red flank in Tunisia."

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D. Byron Price - Elmer Davis

Mr. Winchell stated: "Washington. A large and important group of anti-New Deal newspapers will launch a campaign within the next few days to have Byron Price placed in charge of the Office of War Information, in the event, that is, Elmer Davis resigns. This is to advise all concerning that Mr. Davis has absolutely no intention of quitting despite all the petty squabbles around him."

Memorandum for Mr. Ladd

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E. Recovery of escaped Georgia State Prisoners

Mr. Winchell stated: "Macon, Georgia. Leland Barney and D. C. Black, two of the twenty-five men who broke out of Patnor Prison have been recaptured near Macon, Georgia."

Respectfully,

J. A. Sizoo

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New York, New York

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April 26, 1943

Director, FBI

REFERRED RECORDING

RE: CARLO TRESCA  
INTERNAL SECURITY - I

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith for your information are two copies of a pamphlet entitled "THE TRESCA CASE" by EZIO TADDEI, which was furnished to Special Agent Joseph G. Genco, of this Office by Mr. TADDEI. The pamphlet was published by TADDEI and has been distributed among members of the Italian Colony in New York. It gives the outline of the TRESCA case, the details of which have been previously furnished to the Bureau. The pamphlet is in both English and Italian, the English being the exact duplicate of the Italian.

Very truly yours,

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*The*  
**TRESCA  
CASE**

*by*  
**EZIO TADDEI**

**W**HEN Giacomo Matteotti, Italian socialist deputy, was assassinated in Rome in 1924 by order of the head of the Italian government, Benito Mussolini, nobody succeeded in alienating the Italian people. Chief accomplices in Matteotti's murder were Cesare Cesarini, *Il Duce's* *man*, head of the secret police, and the *Blackshirts*, Mussolini's *hired assassins*.

(The following is the text of a speech by Elio Taddei at a meeting held at the Giulio Cesare on Sunday, February 14, 1943.)

**W**HEN Giacomo Matteotti, Italian *socialista*, was assassinated in Rome in 1924 by order of the head of the Italian government, Benito Mussolini, nobody succeeded in diminishing the Italian government's responsibility. The accomplices in Matteotti's murder were Cesare Battisti, *socialista*, and *socialista* Cesare Pascarella, head of the Office of Publications and General Dr. Boni, head of the Italian police, but despite their frantic attempts to hush the press, the papers of Italy came out in a tumult of charges and revolations against the guilty parties. The head of the government was incapable of halting the printing presses of Italy. Freedom of the press took on a new and real meaning: it meant "more than a constitutional guarantee; it was felt by the people as a means of their identity."

When, however, in Berlin, in 1933, Hitler and Goering overcame the of the Reichstag, the German newspapers issued a series of accusations against the Communist party knowing full well that many innocent persons would be arrested and persecuted as a result. But in spite of the newspaper's claims, nothing could stop the people of Germany from thinking their own thoughts and deciding for themselves.

will be enabled to protect him from a network of public and semi-public officials, should every honest man to pause and reflect upon the more futile of our social institutions. The conviction that certain public officials, instead of being motivated by political ideals or doctrine, are motivated instead by dark forces of the underworld, thus allowing agents of the black hand to influence our political life, should bring about a more sincere vigilance on the part of our civic institutions.

The most important point I want you to remember is that in the assassin

of *Carlo Tresca*, concerning which we have American press, with free to print a series of false charges and insinuations against a political party, maintained a ferocious silence even when it became necessary to speak of actual killers. Is silence even when it becomes necessary to speak in order to prove that the newspapers of America cannot be信赖 on the statement of facts are not part of life and death, that elimination and distortion of facts are not part of the legitimate practices of a free press.

It is for this reason that we write these pages—not anonymously. We are well aware of the risk involved, but by our words we wish to say to them—the third that their fear is a sad spectacle, and we wish to say to them—the little more courage on their part would be enough to free them from the influence of the underworld.

to promote our studies. There are, however, several considerations which enter into the question. First, we must consider the practical problems which can only come to the fore when we begin to work. As the beginning of our work may find the same difficulties which we meet in the final act of life, we must be prepared to meet them. The men involved in this will be those who sympathize with us, and who motivate the action of our many foes, from 1848 to 1948.

In 1864 an Italian anti-slavery and anti-slave, Giuseppe Libman, was being published in New York. Only under the protection of Garibaldi and supported by the young Italian monarch, King Umberto, was he effectively fulfilled his obligation to the anti-slavery cause. That can be attested to by the present author, who, as a member of the Italian Legation in Washington, D. C., was present at the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation by President Lincoln, and at the signing of the Thirteenth Amendment by the Senate, which abolished slavery in the United States.

successive Presidents, and the *newspaper* world, which has deep roots in the underworld of New York, but also on the *newspaper* press, which is constantly sought to poison the mind of the immigrant, *newspaper* with propaganda which could only benefit a foreign government, that is, the government of *newspaper* plutocrats. Around this is of *newspaper*, two men victim of the system of *newspaper*.

**Stampa Libera.** They sought to speak with the editor, Valentini. Valentini being absent at the time, the men were interviewed by the then business manager.

then decided to attend, telling me that if perhaps Pope came to the

manager, Cicero Cancellieri. The man warned Cancellieri to cease the attack against Generoso Pope. They reminded Cancellieri that this was not his first visit, but that it would be their last. They added, "You know what was meant." One of the two men was identified as a Frank Gato, executive member of the notorious "Mafioso" gang.<sup>1</sup> This gang operates in New York City and is known as one of the most dangerous in the city. As we shall see,

Libera had a chance to decide what course to take, Carlo Trecca, editor of the *Weekly Il Martello*, published a violent front-page attack against Pope, headlined: "We Accuse Generoso Pope of Being a Gangster and a Racketeer."

truck and mail to his friends, George, in Galt, Oregon and others. That took much, only a fraction less time than the telegraph. That took Stevens immediately out of the railroads.

or silence. Tressel's article ends with a legal declaration which the author has left to his comrades, to his attorney, and to you. This legal declaration prefaces the final act of this drama. It states: "Morris Ernst, my attorney, known all the facts. He knows that an anti-Socialist is accused

statement gives the victim a living role in the search for his killers. Although Tresca's article succeeded in preventing Pope's gangsters from carrying out their threats, it did not succeed in preventing Pope and his millions from continuing their work.

IRESCA. This state of affairs continued uninterruptedly until December 7, 1941, when Pope and his fascist cohorts changed their political line, desperately anxious now to be recognised as anti-fascists.

who had accompanied the prisoner. Garofalo, the agent before, on the Portillo, she begged Tracy to keep silent about the incident. Tracy promised the woman that he would not make any mention of this incident. However, the woman was not satisfied and asked Tracy to make an appointment with the Mattole office. Party-five minutes later she arrived at the Mattole office. Party-five minutes later she arrived at the office to continue her conversations with Tracy.

to the scheme in time. Treuca methodically blocked Pope's every approach to the anti-fascist camp. He stated to Pope's appeasers that the ex-fascist would never be admitted or recognized as an anti-fascist so long as he

These spoke to her in a personal tone. He asked her to think of her future, and warned her of the character of the general Gavrela. At the end of the conversation the woman promised Tress that she would leave her singing lesson and that she would not do anything again which would endanger her reputation. Tress accompanied her to the door.

opportunity in an Italian-American War Bond banquet organized by Profilo Cervi for the 10th of September 1942 at the Manhattan Club.

He had never to worry worrying him that everything would not turn out right. After a few days he received a telegram from his son, "Timmy's face was now much better, but he still has a fever. Please come to see him. T.M." He immediately called his lawyer and had him get a plane ticket to see his son.

So after six weeks from September 20, we found the doctor who was the same one who had been to see Timmy in October 1948. Timmy's improvement in his newspaper as to the name of the doctor was remarkable. The doctor was a man with a mustache. He had been a newspaperman in his newspaper as to the name of the doctor was remarkable. The doctor was a man with a mustache. He had been a newspaperman in

name. Treseca could rest assured that Pope would not be present. Treseca had to be confirmed as Asst. District Attorney. Pernicosa did even after he was told of the difference with the two Mutual Aid Societies "Castellamare and Golia," one

was also given to his wife in the form of a statement. In 1942 Trevar

(1) Present at the meeting were: Charles Gull, Peter Silvester, Marcella Stern, Dr. Paul Dugli, Marcus Glaser, Dr. Charles Portlock, Dr. George P. French, Frank Garside, Edward Garside, etc., Allstate Corp., members of the N. Y. State Industrial Commission, who denied that he was aware of what was proposed, that same night, the 16th, of December, 1934, he approached Miss Dolores Pauschke, represented her for his wife, and asked her to do the same.



There have been attempts at bribery and there have been threats, for that. Dolores Feconi has again threatened to kill herself. It is too late even

We have patiently followed the tracks of the murderer. We have gathered up and pieced together all the words and all the incidents. When our work resulted in a concrete accusation, we presented our story to the authorities and to the press. Up until today, we have received no reply. To those who have asked whether we would make public these facts, we would be guilty if tomorrow innocent men were accused and sentenced. We must make public these facts. Our silence would be a crime. We would be guilty if tomorrow innocent men were accused and sentenced.

It is for this reason that we beg you, in the name of the martyr, not to rest until his murderer is brought to justice.

Remember him lying on the sidewalk of Fifth Avenue, his eyes still open. I beg you to see to it that his sacrifice be not in vain, and that this case be not the cause for new and greater sorrow.

Printing the name of him in that afternoon paper who is threatening to my wife, who has sought the help of the Head of the Department, seems to this country not to cover yourself with shame, when you bring honor to her name through your hard work, through the culture she had given you."

And to Dolores Feconi, agent of justice of the Federal Government, who still threatens to kill herself, I ask her to be judge of herself. I ask her to still threaten her soul for the truth, with the same insistence which she uses in the halls of justice where she practices her profession. To the widow who has sought the help of the Head of the Department of Justice, we say, "Why didn't you write to us, for they are human?" Another widow, who has threatened to kill herself, did you have the right to tell her corpse of her husband? "Why didn't you write to us, for they are human?"

To us the story is clear from its beginning and our fallen comrade Carlo Tresca tells all we can say in that his ashes will, some day, be placed in

the Italian hall of martyrs. That day will be the day when from the four

corners of Italy there will rise the triumphal cry of the hymn of the

#### SUPPLEMENTARY NOTES

1. On the night of January 11th, Tresca remained later than usual in his office. This rarely happened. On that night, Tresca had an appointment with four people who had been nominated with him by the Masonic Society to form a committee for organizing a Masonic Lodge in New York chapter of the Masonic Society. Carlo Tresca had tightly attended function, as shown by the minutes of the meeting and had demonstrated with great insistence that the Masonic Society claim itself of fascist elements. He had also demanded the disavowing of public meetings to prevent the activities of his organization to be known, as well as to prevent the activities of the Tresca's branch and letters the previous day to inform the other Committees a reply. At the first meeting would be held in his office on January 11th. The 4th Comittee members were: Vanni, Marinoni, Luigi, Ammanni, Secretary, and Vincenzo Di Stefano, President; Vanni, Marinoni, Luigi, Ammanni, Secretary, and Vincenzo Di Stefano, President.

2. A. V. Vittor v. Tresca on evidence with U. S. Attorney General, Frank Murphy, in

At the time of the trial, the defense attorney, Mr. Frank Murphy, was the other for Carlo Tresca.

3. The trial was held in the Federal Building in New York City, the same building in which the trial of the 1000 Italian Communists was held in New York City. One of the defense attorneys was Frank Murphy, the same attorney who was the defense attorney for Carlo Tresca.

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Ezio Laddei

(Discorso pronunciato da Ezio Taddei alla "Ranieri School", in New York, il 14 febbraio 1943).

**G**li oratori che mi hanno preceduto vi hanno detto che non mi sento minimamente minacciato, ma avete dimostrato di essere un po' troppo ottimisti. I suoi inizi in America come il «bo» in Italia, in un tempo remoto, furono certamente tutti qui, come il «fusaro». Veramente, non solo il nostro popolo italiano, tuffi nel banchetto, era incantato di vedere i «Spagnoli Lavagnini» della polizia, tanto subito di credere che i «colpatori», restavano dalla parte dell'ordine. In realtà, i «colpatori» erano i «fusari» in miniatura, i «fusari» di cui il popolare dico oggi.

1.20. Nel suo ufficio, piai gli Stati Uniti, poi al di fuori, vi era America Latina, che portavano anche come scritto merito di all'aspirazione dei

— Una ci arrivano su un'isola. Quella faccenda <sup>non ha niente a che vedere con il nostro caso</sup> è perciò domandata a me. E vorremo che egli la domandasse, anche il district attorney.

Perché si volerà medio questa donna, se Carlo Trocchia le aveva mai pensato di tacere, e se il dottor Penna era stato ancora nominato?



quattro componenti il comitato, della prima riunione che era stata fissata per quella sera.

I quattro erano: Vanni Montana, segretario di Luigi Antonini, della locale 89, e direttore di *l'Ufficio dell'Italian-American Labor Council*; l'ingegnere Profenna, Lanzillotti e Giovanni Sola.

Alle otto e trenta Carlo Tresca avvertì un suo compagno: Luigi Ciccone, che si trovava in ufficio, che poteva lasciarlo solo poiché i momenti sarebbero arrivati i quattro per la riunione stabilita. Invece nessuno di essi venne, e Tresca non ricevette nessuna telefonata che avvertisse il ritardo o l'impossibilità degli invitati a intervenire.

Venne solamente l'avvocato Calabri, che rimase in compagnia di Carlo e l'accompagnò quando egli decise di uscire.

2. Il delitto avvenne alle 9.45 P.M. Alle 11 P.M. Luigi Antonini telefonò alla polizia per avere notizie e dare le prime informazioni. Alle 11.30, negli uffici della squadra degli omicidi, il nome del presunto assassino era quello di Vittorio Vidal, appartenente al partito comunista e domiciliato nella Città del Messico.

Quelche ora dopo, ai posti della frontiera Messicana, erano arrivate le segnalazioni per il fermo del Vidal, e al porto di N. Y. l'ordine di vigilanza dei piroscafi in partenza per la Russia. Fu supposto anche che il Vidal si fosse servito di mezzo aereo per il ritorno a Città del Messico.

Il primo aeroplano che sia possibile prendere dopo delle ore 9.45 pomeridiane diretto a Città del Messico è quello delle 7.52 pomeridiane del giorno dopo (in questo caso del martedì) e che dopo il cambio a Brownsville, arriva a Città del Messico alle 11 e 55 del giorno seguente, dunque il mercoledì. Ma nonostante tutte queste ore a disposizione, le autorità non telegrafarono alla polizia Messicana per gli appositi accertamenti, malgrado che il tempo sarebbe stato sufficiente ad esse per recarsi al domicilio del Vidal e constatare se questi fosse o no nella sua abitazione.

Se ciò fosse stato fatto, la risposta della polizia Messicana, sarebbe stata: o un no, cioè che Vidal non si trovava nella Città del Messico, e quindi la polizia avrebbe dovuto controllare il suo ritorno, e sotoporre il Vidal a un interrogatorio per informazioni riguardanti la sua assenza. O avrebbe risposto un sì: cioè che Vidal si trovava nel suo domicilio, e in questo caso diventavano inutili le ricerche lungo la frontiera e nei piroscafi, e soprattutto il sopralluogo fatto dieci giorni dopo, in una farmacia del N. J., che dietro l'indicazione di Luigi Antonini e Vanni Montana sarebbe stato il luogo in cui il Vidal si teneva nascosto.

Da queste considerazioni scaturiscono delle domande: perché le autorità rifiugirono da un accertamento così semplice che avrebbe dimostrato l'erroneità della pista? Perché dieci giorni dopo il delitto si continuò a cercare il Vidal fra gli alberi del N. J., senza preoccuparsi di sapere se era o non era nella sua casa di Città del Messico? E quali erano gli interessi che spingevano gli informatori a mantenere le polizia su una tale pista?

3. Luigi Antonini e il suo segretario Vanni Montana non sostengono la sola tesi anticomunista, ma a un certo momento ne tentarono anche una antianarchica, scartando invece quella che conduce al gruppo Galante, Garofalo, Pope, e Antonini in un lungo articolo tenuto recentemente di dimostrarla menzognera. (Giustizia, numero del mese di Marzo).

4. Carmine Galante fu pedinato due ore prima del delitto dagli agenti del Parole Board, i quali lo videro salire in un'automobile. Essi dicono che il Galante era eccitato.

Carlo Tresca abitualmente lasciava il suo ufficio le sera dalle sei e mezzo alle sette. Solo rare volte si tratteneva fino ad ora tarda.

Una domanda: come faceva il Galante a sapere alle sette e trenta, dal suo posto, che avrebbe fatto in tempo ad arrivare alle 15 Strade e mettersi in appostamento? Da che cosa deriva la sua eccitazione che fu notata al Parole Board?

Se egli pedinò Carlo Tresca nelle sere precedenti, doverà essere certo che sarebbe arrivato troppo tardi, per quanto rapidamente egli avesse potuto fare.

Allora si domanda: se nessuno sapeva di questo insolito orario, e di questa insolita solitudine di Tresca, come faceva il Galante a saperlo? Chi gli disse che quella sera Tresca sarebbe rimasto fino a tardi e sarebbe uscito solo?



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United States Department of Justice  
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

Re: Carlo Tresca

Reference is made to the attached excerpt from the New York Daily Mirror of May 10, 1943 entitled "Ready to Ask Indictment of 3 for Tresca Murder." According to this article, the District Attorney of New York County will go before the Grand Jury and ask for an indictment of three men who will be charged with the murder of Tresca. Only one of the trio is specifically named: Carmine Galente.

From the information available it appears that Galente, an ex-convict and subject of frequent arrests, appeared at the office of the Parole Division, 90 Centre Street, New York City, an hour and a half before Tresca's murder, in order to make his weekly report inasmuch as he is under parole supervision until 1945, having recently completed the service of a twelve-and-one-half-year sentence for armed robbery. Two investigators from the Parole Board placed Galente under surveillance immediately after he left the office. He was observed getting into an automobile which was parked near the office with the motor running and another man behind the wheel. The surveilling officers took the license number of this car and later it was determined that the same license number appeared on the automobile which was used by Tresca's assassin. Police records on Galente reportedly show four aliases; eight arrests on charges including juvenile delinquency, assault, robbery and homicide; as well as four convictions. The last paragraph of the attached newspaper clipping refers to a privately printed pamphlet which "discusses the Tresca shooting and names, among others, an editor, an Italian-American woman attorney, a gangster, a labor leader, and a city official as enemies of Tresca. It claims to expose facts concerning relations of those named with Tresca, implying that all had reason to hate and fear him."

The referenced pamphlet was prepared by a close friend of Tresca, Ezio Taddei, and it has been examined by the Bureau. The editor referred to is Generoso Pope, who was unquestionably an enemy of Tresca. The Italian-American woman attorney is Miss Delores Camilla Faconti, Assistant United



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States Attorney, Southern District of New York. The "gangster" is Frank Garofalo, an alleged gunman and former employee and bodyguard of Generoso Pope. The identities of the "labor leader" and the "city official" are unknown.

ACTION: The foregoing is supplied for informative purposes and no action is necessary.

Respectfully,

*F. L. Welch*

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Attachment

# Money to Kill Tresca Of 3 for Tresca Murder

By WILLIAM PALVEY

After four months of unceasing work, police have amassed enough evidence to enable District Attorney Hogan to go before the Grand Jury and ask for the indictment of three men who will be charged with the murder of Carlo Tresca, the Mirror learned yesterday. Police allege that a man in custody since February is the killer, and that the others were co-conspirators. Tresca, widely known in Italian-American circles as an anti-Fascist agitator,



Car in which Tresca's assassin escaped was found abandoned later five blocks from scene of crime. Carmine Galento (right), ex-convict on parole, was picked up and questioned.

radical labor exponent and vitriolic editor, was shot on the night of Jan. 11, at Fifth Ave., and 15th St., while walking with a friend.

The killer jumped from a car parked at the curb, fired the shots and jumped back into the auto, which sped away.

It was found later, abandoned five blocks from the scene. Police say there were two other men, besides the killer, in the car. The driver can be picked up at any time, but the third man whose identity also is known, is being sought throughout the city by detectives under Inspector Conrad Rothengast.

While authorities are certain they have an airtight case against the killer, they have not established a motive, it is said. They are confronted with at least a score of theories, all plausible because of the vast number of enemies Tresca made in his activities.

More than a dozen attempts to kill or kidnap Tresca have been uncovered by police. They say he narrowly escaped death two nights before he was murdered, when a car with blazing headlights deliberately tried to run him down.



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*W. J. C.*

## Already Colorful

Tony Ribaich, a friend of Tresca's, pushed him from the path of the car, which had been waiting at the curb at 5th Ave. and 9th St. Ribaich later identified the car which the killer used Jan. 11 as the one which tried to hit Tresca Jan. 9.

Tresca always had been a colorful, battling figure, with countless political and ideological enemies. On the night he was murdered, he was making plans to conduct an anti-Mussolini cam-

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CARLOS TRESCA

Shot while walking with friend. Authorities believe they have an airtight case against his killer.

paign in Italian language newspapers and to purge the Mazini Society, of which he was a member, of its Fascist element.

Several hundred detectives were assigned to the case at once on direct orders of the Mayor. Shortly after the murder, Carmine Galente, an ex-convict on parole, was picked up and placed near the murder scene at the time of the shooting.

A key figure in the investigation has been Giuseppe Callabri of 415 Central Park West, who was walking with Tresca at the time of the shooting.

A privately-printed pamphlet, given wide circulation in Italian-American and radical circles, will be shown the Grand Jury. Its apparently libelous content never has been repudiated.

The pamphlet discusses the Tresca shooting and names, among others, an editor; an Italian-American woman attorney; a gangster, a labor leader and a city official as enemies of Tresca. It claims to expose facts concerning relations of those named with Tresca, implying they all had reason to hate and fear him.

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United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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Call: 9:10 A.M.

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May 11, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. D. M. LADD

Re: CARLO TRESCA MURDER  
Dolores Camilla Faconti

ASAC Donegan, New York, called at this time with reference to a teletype sent to the Bureau last night which read: "USA, SOUTHERN DISTRICT NEW YORK, REQUESTS THAT ALMERINEO PORTFOLIO, CITY TREASURER, BE INTERVIEWED RELATIVE TO ALLEGED PHONE CALL MADE BY HIM TO CARLO TRESCA. UNLESS ADVISED TO CONTRARY, THIS INTERVIEW WILL BE CONDUCTED ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 1943."

Mr. Donegan advised that he is definitely against having such an interview conducted and it was pointed out that this is not in connection with the Faconti matter, but is directly connected with the murder itself. I told him that we have advised the Attorney General by memorandum on several occasions that we are having absolutely nothing to do with the investigation of the murder case. Donegan indicated that Correa would be happy to get some publicity through the investigation of the Tresca matter.

I told Mr. Donegan that he should advise them that the request to interview Portfolio had been referred to the Bureau and that they are awaiting the Bureau's answer. He stated that the Agent will be instructed not to interview this man, and that no action will be taken pending further advice from the Bureau.

Respectfully,

*J. W. Mumford*  
J. W. Mumford

cc - Mr. Welch



Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. JAMES HOWE, JR.  
THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Re: Dolores Camilla Faconti

Reference is made to the memoranda which I recently transmitted to you relative to the inquiries which were conducted by this Bureau concerning Miss Dolores Camilla Faconti, Assistant United States Attorney, Southern District of New York. You will recall that our investigation of Miss Faconti was instituted in pursuance of the request outlined by you in your memorandum dated March 16, 1943.

This is to advise that Mr. Mathias F. Correa, United States Attorney, Southern District of New York, recently requested our New York Office to make arrangements for Mr. Almerino Portfollio, City Treasurer, New York, New York, to be interviewed by an Agent of this Bureau relative to a telephone call that was purportedly made to Carlo Tresca by Mr. Portfollio. As you are aware, Carlo Tresca, the editor of the anti-Fascist and anti-Communist Italian language newspaper "Il Martello", was murdered in New York City on January 9, 1943.

Subsequent to the assassination of Tresca, I directed several memoranda concerning this murder case to the Attorney General and to Mr. Edward J. Ennis, Director, Alien Enemy Control Unit. In these communications I pointed out that since the investigation of this murder case would be contrary to the established policy of this Bureau, and in view of the fact that the Attorney General is in accord with the FBI's policy of refraining from concerning itself with cases solely within local law-enforcement jurisdiction, no investigation would be undertaken by this Bureau concerning Mr. Tresca's assassination.

Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. O'Brien \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harbo-charge \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Gandy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

It would appear that the interview requested by Mr. Correa is concerned primarily with the aforementioned murder case rather than with the inquiries which this Bureau has conducted regarding Miss Faconti; accordingly, compliance with Mr. Correa's request, is not contemplated by this Bureau. It is believed that this procedure is particularly desirable at this time, inasmuch as several New York newspapers reported on May 10, 1943 that the District Attorney of New York County is expected to go before a Grand Jury in the COMMUNICATIONS SECTION for an indictment of three men who will be charged with the assassination of Carlo Tresca.

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Inasmuch as this Bureau's inquiries concerning Miss Faconti have been completed and because the FBI is not conducting any investigation relative to the previously-mentioned murder case, the interview requested by the United States Attorney in the Southern District of New York will not be conducted.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director



Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

May 6, 1943

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

RE: CARLO TRESCA

Reference is made to Mr. Sizoo's memorandum to you dated April 25, 1943, entitled "WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST, April 25, 1943".

You will recall that in the aforementioned communication it was pointed out that Mr. Winchell made the statement that "A wild pamphlet now being distributed in the East and purporting to give clues of the mysterious murder of Carlo Tresca, an enemy of Mussolini and Fascism, has aroused the District Attorney of New York". Mr. Winchell likewise commented, "The police are searching for the author."

This is to advise that copies of the referenced pamphlet have been transmitted to the Bureau by the New York Field Division. The periodical in question is entitled "The Tresca Case", and was prepared by Mr. Ezio Taddei, who has for the past several years been a close friend and collaborator of Tresca.

Taddei's treatise on the life and death of Tresca has been carefully reviewed, and it contains little information which would be considered of assistance in determining the identity of Tresca's assassin. The pamphlet contains numerous discrepancies, as well as several unsubstantiated allegations relative to several individuals whom Taddei thinks might be responsible for the murder.

Inasmuch as the information recently received indicates that the most logical suspect in this case is the alleged G.P.U. Agent Vittorio Vidali, it is pointed out that on page 9 of Taddei's treatise it is stated that Vidali was reported to have been seen in New York City just prior to the murder which occurred on January 11, 1943. As you are aware, the Bureau received this information some time ago, and at present the SIS Section is making extensive inquiries in the vicinity of Mexico City relative to the whereabouts of this suspect at the time Tresca was assassinated. Likewise, the border offices in Texas are making inquiries relative to the reported travels of Vidali from Mexico to this country.



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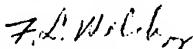
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ACTION: The data set forth hereinbefore are supplied merely for informative purposes, and no further action is recommended relative to the pamphlet prepared by Taddei, inasmuch as it contains numerous discrepancies and because it has obviously been prepared by an individual who is biased in his opinion of the instant case.

You will be apprised of all additional pertinent information that is received relative to Vittorio Vidali, the leading suspect in the Carlo Tresca murder case.

Respectfully,



F. L. Welch

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Re: Carlo Tresca

Dear Sir:

Carlo Tresca was shot and killed on January 11, 1943, as he left his office on Fifth Avenue, New York City. The murderer has not been identified although the New York City Police Department has conducted an extensive investigation to locate him.

Tresca was an anarchist and the publisher of a newspaper. He was intensely disliked by both Fascist and Communists whom he vitriolically attacked in his journal. Although the Bureau is not investigating Tresca's assassination, it is interested in any information pertinent to the case.

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_ Perhaps the most important suspect in the matter is Carlos E. A. Contreras, alias Jesus Sorrentino, Vidal or Vidali. This individual is an Italian who spent many years in Russia and also the Commander of the Mr. Cleary \_\_\_\_\_ Communist Lister Brigade in Spain during the Spanish Civil War. He has Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_ the reputation of being a very dangerous character having been accused Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_ of several political assassinations both in Spain and in Mexico. There Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_ appears to be little doubt but that Contreras is at least an important Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_ Comintern functionary, if not an actual O.G.P.U. agent. 61-1335-312  
 Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_ His present residence is in Mexico, but information has been received to the effect that since he came to Mexico on April 17, 1939, Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_ he has made several trips to the United States and Cuba. MAY 15 1943  
 Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Headon \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. McGehee \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_ The Bureau is presently conducting an expedition to Mexico to investigate Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_ Contreras' activities in both the United States and in Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_ Mexico. Inasmuch as Contreras has reputedly traveled to Cuba since 1939, Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_ are instructed to make inquiries through sources available to you in Cuba.  
 Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_ A MAY 13 1943 P.M.  
 Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_  
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to ascertain whether these trips were a reality as well as to determine his activities and contacts while in Cuba. This matter should be given preferred, thorough, and vigorous investigative attention and a report submitted to the Bureau as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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SAC, New York

Re: CARLO THESCA

Dear Sirs:

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In the event any additional pertinent data are received by the Bureau relative to this case, your Office will be appropriately advised. At the same time, the New York Office should furnish the Bureau with all relevant information which is received from time to time in connection with this case.

Very truly yours,

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Ladd *ENCLOSURE* \_\_\_\_\_

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SAC, San Antonio

Re: JESUS SORRENTE VIDALI

Dear Sirs:

The Bureau is vitally interested in securing all information available relative to the captioned individual, who is presently residing at Avenida Juarez No. 4, Mexico City, Mexico. The following is a summarization of the information presently in the Bureau's possession relative to the captioned subject.

Jesus Sorrente Vicali is known to have utilized the following aliases during the recent past: Jesus Sorrente Vicali; Vittorio Vidal; Vittorio Vidal Sorrenti; Jesus Vidal; Carlos Jimenes Contreras; Carlos Contreras; Carlos Sorrente; Drea Sorrenti; and "Comandante Carlos." The Bureau files reflect that the subject is an Italian; that he spent many years in Spain; and that he was Commissar of the Communist Lister Brigade in Spain during the Spanish Civil War. The subject, who is most generally referred to as Carlos Contreras, is considered by reliable informants to be a most dangerous character. Vidal has been referred to as a Comintern Functionary, as a G.P.U. agent, and as one of the principal influential contact men between "Free Germany" and the Mexican Communist movement.

From the data available it appears that the subject in 1923, Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_ a year after Mussolini seized control of Italy, fled his homeland and Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_ came to the United States where he aligned himself with Communist elements. Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_ He later proceeded to Mexico and was allegedly deported by that country, Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_ subsequently turning up in Spain where he fought as a Comandante in the Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_ Spanish Loyalist Army during the recent Civil War in that country. Vidal Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_ later returned to Mexico and posed as a Spanish refugee, affiliating himself with Vicente Lombardo Toledano, a Mexican labor leader and alleged Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_ adherent of the Communist Party in Mexico.

Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_

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Another report has been received indicating that Vidali was seen in New York City during the first or second week of January, 1943.

At this time the Bureau is particularly interested in the various trips which the subject is reported to have made to the United States. Accordingly, it is desired that the San Antonio Office and the Offices receiving copies of this letter contact the appropriate representatives of the Immigration and Naturalization Service at the various ports of entry mentioned hereinbefore, for the purpose of securing all available information relative to the travels of Vidali. The Philadelphia Office should make similar inquiries at the headquarters of the Immigration and Naturalization Service in Philadelphia for the purpose of securing any data in the possession of that Service relative to the captioned subject.

This is a matter in which I am particularly interested and, accordingly, it is desired that the foregoing instructions be complied with in sufficient time to insure the submission of the requested information to the Bureau not later than May 15, 1943.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

CC: El Paso  
Miami  
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CARLO TRESCA

4-16-43

An article containing the following information appeared in "Excelsior" dated April 4, 1943:

JULIAN GOMEZ GORKIN, who was wounded during the assault on the Centro Cultural Ibero-Mexicano, Venustiano Carranza #50, stated that the Communists in México are resorting to terror in order to impose their will on all objectors in México. He stated that the O.G.P.U. is working openly in México upon instructions from the Comintern. JULIAN GORKIN accused the following persons as leading the assault on the Centro Cultural Ibero-Mexicano:

ANTONIO MIJE  
JUAN COMORERA  
JULIAN CARRILLO  
CARLOS CONTRERAS

The article continued that CARLOS CONTRERAS, who uses various names, has been able to travel with facility to Cuba and to the United States. At the present time, the New York Police are seeking CONTRERAS in connection with the assassination of CARLO TRESCA, which crime was carried out by the G.P.U.

An article in "Excelsior" dated April 8, 1943, by JORGE PINO SANDOVAL, reflects that additional aliases of CARLOS JIMENEZ CONTRERAS are ENEA SORMENTI and COMANDANTE CARLOS".

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
500 Widener Building  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

May 10, 1943

Director, FBI

Re: JESUS SUPRENTE VIDALI, with aliases.  
Internal Security  
(Bureau File No. 61-1335)

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter concerning the above-  
captioned individual addressed to the Special Agent in Charge, San Fran-  
tonic, dated April 30, 1943, a copy of which was furnished to the Phila-  
delphia Field Division. A request was made therein that inquiries be  
made at the headquarters of the Immigration and Naturalization Service,  
Philadelphia, for the purpose of securing any data relative to the cap-  
tioned subject.

A check of the records maintained at the headquarters of  
the Immigration and Naturalization Service, 15th and Chestnut Street,  
Philadelphia, under the following names used by the subject, JESUS SUPRENTE  
VIDALI, VITTORIO VIDALI, VITTORIO VIDALI VIDALI, JESUS VIDALI,  
CARLOS LIMENES CONTRERAS, CARLOS CONTRERAS, CARLOS P. PINTO, FERNANDO SUR-  
VENTI, and "COMMANDANTE CARLOS," revealed information only as to one CARLOS  
CONTRERAS, 201 Lexington Avenue, New York, who apparently is not identical  
with the subject of this communication.

Information in brief concerning CARLOS CONTRERAS, 201 Lex-  
ington Avenue, New York, as reflected in the Immigration and Naturalization  
files, is as follows:

CONTRERAS was born in Antofagasta, Chile, on August 10,  
1900, of Spanish American parents, GUILLERMO CONTRERAS, father, and HERM-  
ESIA CARMONA, mother. He first entered the United States at the age of  
eighteen as a seaman from Le Havre, France, aboard the vessel BUFORD on  
September 13, 1918, arriving at the port of New York, New York. He was  
naturalized in the United States District Court, New York City, February  
17, 1941, Petition No. 355223, Certificate No. 495412. & RECORDED

He has been employed as a butler by MELL H. RUSSEL, Esq.,  
at Aiken, South Carolina. According to these records, CONTRERAS visited  
Bahamas, B.W.I., for a period of three months for reasons of his employ-  
ment with MARSHALL H. RUSSEL in 1937. A Re-entrance Permit No. 1132033 was

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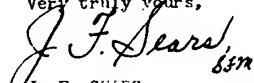
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issued him on March 6, 1937. He re-entered the United States at Miami, Florida, aboard the vessel "FILLOT I" on May 6, 1937.

In view of the above information, no further inquiries will be made by this office in the absence of a request from the Bureau or offices receiving copies of this communication.

Very truly yours,



J. F. SEARS  
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cc San Antonio  
El Paso  
Miami

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

San Antonio, Texas  
May 13, 1943

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Carlo Tresca  
Director, F.B.I.

Re: JESUS GORMENTORALI

Dear Sir:

Reference is being made to Bureau letter dated April 30, 1943, Bureau File No. 61-1335, in regard to the above-entitled individual.

Please be advised that a check of the records of the United States Immigration Service at Brownsville and Hidalgo, Texas, was made with negative results. Neither was there a record of a departure at either of the above ports of entry, inasmuch as outgoing passengers or travellers are not recorded by the U. S. Immigration upon their departure from the United States unless the traveller is travelling by air. All air manifests of both outgoing and incoming passengers, however, upon being searched, likewise failed to reflect any record.

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Although none of the above sources possessed any information relative to this person's travels, the Immigration stations did have on record a confidential bulletin from

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Re: JESUS SORRENTE VIDALI

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No further inquiry is being conducted in regard to this individual and this case is being closed in the San Antonio Field Division, subject to being re-opened in the event information is received in regard to the subject.

Very truly yours,

*R. C. Suran*  
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Re: Carlo Tresca

Dear Sir:

For your information and possible assistance in conducting investigations pertaining to Carlo Contreras, there is enclosed herewith a photostatic copy of an intercept submission in connection with a letter dated April 8, 1943, from Mariano Fontana, Mexico, D.F., to "Unita del Popolo," New York City.

You will note that the enclosed photostat contains information to the effect that Contreras is now a member of the Executive Committee of the Garibaldi Alliance and that the latter stands ready to prove the falseness of attacks against him by Trotskyites in Mexico.

Very truly yours,

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols *closure*

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## COMMENT

Enclosed also is a comment by writer, Mario Montagnani, in which writer describes the meeting called by Trotzkites in Mexico to commemorate Carlo Tresca and the executed Polish spies, Kridl and Alter, with Victor Serge, Julian Gorkin, and Leo Tolokon, emerging as a Frenchman Paul Chevalier, as speakers. The meeting was sponsored by Mexican Antifascists, with several Spanish, Julian Gorkin, Chevalier, and all the arrested antifascists were immediately freed.

Writer states that a local reactionary newspaper reported on interview with Gorkin in which latter accuses Spanish Communists (including Carlos Contreras (Vittorio Viali) of having organized this meeting, Trotzkites, and accuses Vittorio Viali of being responsible for the death of Carlo Tresca. Writer states that it would be necessary to interview with the soon Lee Tatum if he, along with other Trotzkites, and Viali were not a director of the Mexico Chapter of Marxist Society. Writer states that both the Mexico Chapter and the U. S. Marxist Society should investigate these claims. Finally, he states that he has informed Trotzkites themselves.

WITTIER'S NOTE: Writer is Communist and Secretary of World Anti-Fascist Society which accepts Communists, while the Marxist Society which excludes them. World Anti-Fascist Society has been using Trotzkites' name. Reference is to Marxist Society.

Wittier, Viali, and Gorkin are mentioned.

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

In Reply, please refer  
to File number 100-2989

Post Office Box 1679  
El Paso, Texas  
May 12, 1943

Director, FBI.

Carlo Tresca

RE: JESUS SORRENTE VIDALI

Dear Sir:

~~Meyra~~  
~~Italy~~

Reference is made to a copy of your letter dated April 30, 1943, and addressed to the San Antonio office, in connection with the above captioned person.

Following receipt of a copy of the reference letter, Special Agent [REDACTED] of this office, contacted Inspector GORDON CORNELL of the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service, Santa Fe Bridge, El Paso, Texas, who advised that a careful check of the records in that office against the name of the Subject and all his reported aliases, failed to reveal any record showing his entry into the United States or his exit therefrom through the Port of El Paso, Texas.

No further investigation in connection with this matter is contemplated at the present time, unless this office is advised otherwise.

Very truly yours,

*D. A. Bryce*  
D. A. BRYCE,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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THE OFFICE OF CENSORSHIP  
CHIEF POSTAL CENSOR  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

In reply, refer to  
Examination Section:

May 7, 1943.

Mr. John Edgar Hoover,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Attention: Mr. R. D. Douglas

Enclosed are copies of numerous submission slips comprising the back traffic filed under the names of Vitorio Vidali, Vitorio Vidali Garmenti, Carlos Contreras, Carlos Sorrento, and Enea Sorrenti, in compliance with your request of May 3, 1943. *It is 114* *NYC 100*

As reported to Mr. Douglas by telephone, additional submission slips have been recorded on these names, but copies are not included because the master sheets are not available. All of these have been allocated to you previously. The numbers have been supplied to Mr. Douglas and if any are missing from your files, I will be glad to furnish microfilm copies upon request. Also enclosed are NYC-176328-A and NY-366406 which constitute the back traffic on Madeleine Gaucheron.

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~~5/8/43 A.M.~~  
There is no record of any communications to or from George Wilfert, alias Wilfret.

Sincerely yours,

*Ralph Burkholder*  
Ralph Burkholder,  
Assistant Chief Postal Censor.

Enclosures:

Numerous cps. of submission slips.

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ARCHITECT IN MEXICO ACCEPTS MEMBERSHIP IN AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS.

Writer expresses his appreciation and accepts Honorary Membership in American Institute of Architects.

MEMPHIS, SOUTH: "He [was] then captured by the Communists and held in a prison camp in the Soviet Union. He was also known as George J. Dastoridis (DM 1400, M. 1950) a Italian Communist, a Director of Garibaldi Alliance (the former Commander of Fifth Regiment in Spanish Civil War) and apparently has no connection between these two men," Mr. Gandy stated and has been implied to contribute article to the U.S. Justice (Vol. 1, No. 1) an underground publication produced by Headquarters of Inter-American Affairs for Planning Conference and by New York City.

RE: NOTE: Totorio Nidal (Carlos J. Gutierrez) is listed in the "A" files, Abreus Gonzales 20 and/or Mifflin 20, Abreus section in Mexico, D.F. The letter above is from

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

FROM	CARLOS CONTRERAS SALVADOR AV. 100 MEXICO CITY MEXICO		
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Kritters state they believe publication of "The Battle of Chapultepec" by James Hallinan, in July 5, 1968, issue of "Time" magazine, was unnecessary publicity which is not helpful to neighbor policies. It is considered that publication of Mexican history and plain battles will not necessarily, or thoughtlessly, to offend. Such important publications should be avoided entirely, since it hampers the sincere and mutual understanding and good will.

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and Roberto Casas Diaz, Jr.



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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
Washington, D. C.

FROM: MARIO MONTAGNA  
BAJO 28 (LO)  
MEXICO, D. F.

TO: LITERATA DEL POPOL  
P. O. BOX 45, 52A, 3  
NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.

DATE: APR 14 1963

LEN: 834600

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RE: 834600

RE: ① RE: TROTZKITES ACCUSE SPANISH COMMUNISTS OF BREAKING UP MEMORIAL MEETING IN MEXICO

RE: Cunningham  
writer states that he has received neither letters nor money from addressee, and that Frola (834600) has not received the addressee he requested.

RE: Howley  
writer states that he encloses an O. D. O. (transliteration: Ordine del Giorno, order of the day) of the Garibaldi Alliance (834600) and a comment by writer.

RE: Little  
writer states that he will later send the second installment of an article for the review (transliteration: Nota Operaria) and an article on the last Spanish Commander of the Garibaldi Brigade, Victorio Gómez (Little/7481, also known as Charly Gómez).  
RE: 834600, (834600, 77) has written a comment of his own on the Garibaldi Alliance (834600, addressed), which will also be included in the article.

RE: Washington  
writer states that he will later send an official statement of the Garibaldi Alliance (834600) as of writer of the day, dated Apr. 2, 1963. Order refers to the El Maestro newspaper, started by Julian Gómez (834600), Spanish Trotzkyite, against Communist Party Communists. Regarding the memorandum by a group of Trotzkyite communists of an anti-Soviet meeting, writer states that he has written a letter to the El Maestro (834600, 77), Julian Gómez, and the Garibaldi Alliance (834600) to protest the letter.

**COMMENT**

12/10/68 ALL FAIR & DIRECTOR INVESTIGATED CASTILLO  
12/10/68 RECENTLY ASSASSINATED TRASCA'S ASSASSINATION

12/10/68 Mexican Press reported that Castillo, a Mexican writer, said he had just learned of the newspaper campaign of lies launched against him in U.S. and Mexico by the U.S. and Mexican press, using the killing of Carlos Trasca as a basis.

12/10/68 Mexican Press did not print any stories about Castillo's killing.

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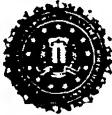
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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

May 20, 1943

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WELCH

Re: Carlo Tresca- *of fm* *b1*

In view of the Bureau's interest in the murder of Carlo Tresca, the Espionage Section, in pursuance of my request, secured the back traffic filed under the names of Vitorio Vidali, alias Vitorio Vidali Sormenti, Carlos Contreras, Carlos Sorrento, and Enea Sormenti, who is considered by the District Attorney of New York County as one of the leading suspects in the instant case.

In reviewing these intercepts I have observed that although the vast majority of them are concerned with an individual residing in Mexico City by the name of Carlos Contreras, this individual is not identical with Vitorio Vidali, despite the Censorship Examiners' notes to the contrary.

The suspect in the Tresca murder case, Vitorio Vidali, who is better known as Carlos Contreras, apparently resides at Calle Loteria Nacional I. Upto. 6, Mexico, D. F., Mexico. Although the files of the Office of Censorship contain several references to this suspect, there is no information contained therein which would appear to be of value in the solution of this case. A review of these intercepts, however, indicates that the Garibaldi Alliance, a Communist organization in Mexico City, has directed numerous



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communications to Unita Del Popolo in New York City disclaiming the "scandalous and base campaign of lies launched against Contreras in the United States, using the 'assassination of Carlo Tresca as a basis.'" From the information presently available it would appear that Unita Del Popolo has become overrun with Leftist elements to such an extent that it may well be classified as a Communist-front organization.

ACTION: Inasmuch as the back traffic on suspect Vidali, alias Contreras, contains no information which would be of assistance in establishing or eliminating this individual as Tresca's assassin, no action is necessary relative to the data set forth hereinbefore.

Respectfully,



J. P. Coyne

IN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR



Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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May 25, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LAADD

Re: Carlo Tresca

In order that you may be apprised of the current status of this case the following information is set forth relative to Jesus Sorrentino Vidali, better known as Carlos Contreras, who is apparently the chief suspect in the Carlo Tresca murder case.

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Piper \_\_\_\_\_  
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OBSERVATIONS: It would appear from the data available that Contreras is not identical with Tresca's assassin. However, since his whereabouts on January 11, 1943 has not been definitely established, the Bureau is continuing its inquiries relative thereto, both in the United States and in Mexico. On April 30, 1943 the San Antonio, El Paso, Miami, and Philadelphia Offices were instructed to secure all available information relative to the travels of Contreras from the Immigration and Naturalization Offices in those Districts. To date no affirmative information has been secured as a result of this action.

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ACTION: A second communication is being directed to the border Offices mentioned above, together with photographs of Contreras, in order that these pictures may be displayed to the representatives of the Immigration and Naturalization Service who are responsible for the control of international passage. As previously indicated, our investigation of Contreras in Mexico City is being continued. As additional data are received concerning this case you will be appropriately advised.

Respectfully,

*F. L. Welch*  
F. L. Welch

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Date: May 25, 1943

To: SAC, New York

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
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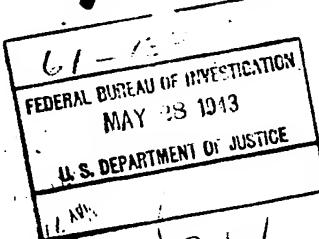
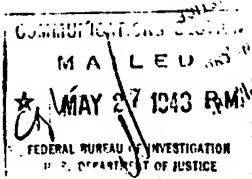
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As additional data are received pertinent to the captioned case you will be appropriately advised.

Enclosure

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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